

# **GOD FLOVE**

#### I WONDER

R. E. Neighbour, D. D.

I wonder if my heart is stirred To tear or sigh,

Because so many ne'er have heard That grace is nigh?

I wonder if I've done my part To bear the News,

To all who have an evil heart, Gentiles or Jews?

I wonder what my Lord may say When Him I see;

If I have turned my ears away From men who plea?

Henceforth, O Lord, I'll haste to go, Where Thou dost send,

To those who struggle on in woe, And need a friend.

-Gospel Herald.

THE GROUND OF

"The king's business requireth haste,"
1 Sam. 21:8.

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#### NOTICES..

I am open for calls for revivals anywhere in the United States. Those wishing to contact me for a meeting may write: Joel D. Brown, c|o W. J. Thompson, Johnston City, Ill.

The Texas ministers' meeting will convene at the Dallas church October 1, 2, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday and closing about noon Wednesday.—
E. O. Kerce, overseer,

#### DEATHS

#### MOSGROVE

The death angel visited the home of Sister Almeda Mosgrove August 29, 1946, and claimed her for its victim. She was seventy-five years and three days old. Sister Mosgrove was a member of the Church of God at Thornton, Kentucky, and had lived a devoted Christian life for fifty-two years.—Sister Belvia Back.

#### RIVERS

Mrs. Emma Rivers, age forty-nine years, went to rest with Jesus, August 27, 1946. She had been a faithful member of the Church of God for several years.—Rev. E. L. Richardson, pastor, Closplint, Ky.

#### SMITH

Brother Henry Smith, age seventysix years, passed on to be with Jesus February 19, 1946. He was a faithful member in the Church of God for years.—Mable Lopez.

### Dequests for Prayer

PRAY FOR

The healing of Mrs. Gearldine Ray, 1811 Bolten St., Baltimore, Md.—Rev. R. B. Underwood.

Me to be healed of sugar diabetes; my husband to be healed of heart trouble; and a very special unspoken request.—Sister Eva Smith, 1853 Champlain St., Toledo 11, Ohio.

The Lord to remove a great trouble in my life and for my home to become a Christian home.—Grace Herrington, Box 161, Waynesville, Ohio.

The healing of a friend's body.—A Sister in Christ, Prague, Oklahoma.

The healing of my wife.—Rev. Roy J. Young, 513 Ann Ave., Dallas 10, Texas.

The Lord to heal my little baby and to fill me with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. L. N. Baker, Rt. 2, Shaw, Miss.

A very special unspoken request.— Mrs. Porter Richards, Rt. 3, Pennsboro, W. Va.

The Lord to save my daughter's husband from the drink habit and to work in their home.—A sister, Eckman. W. Va.

My sister to be healed, and for the Lord to save her children and also to save my children.—Mrs. Maggie Sherrer, Star Route, Box 15, Falco, Ala. The healing of my body.—Sister Sarah Anderson, 1104 Edison Ave., Jacksonville, Fla.

The Lord to heal me of lukemia.— Mrs. Lillie Bell Carthen, 1506 Caswell Pl., W. Durham, N. C.

The Lord to undertake in my home, and for my husband, also a special request.—Sister Lockhart, 409 Main St., Vidalia, Ga.

God to heal my husband and me of tuberculosis.—Mrs. Ollia Mae Wallace, Rt. 1, Persia, Tenn.

The healing of my sister and the saving of her soul; my sister in Christ to be healed; the healing of a neighbor who is in the hospital with goiter, and the saving of her soul; the healing of an eighteen-month-old child that hasn't walked or talked; for the

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#### NOTICE

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I sincerely solicit your prayers and co-operation in my new responsibilities here.

> J. H. WALKER, Editor-in-Chief.

#### ANNOUNCING THE OPENING OF THE NORTH-WEST BIBLE SCHOOL

Northwest Bible School and Music Academy, Lemmon, S. Dak., October 14, 1946

Since the general school in Tennessee was so far from this section, and seeing the need of trained workers to carry the gospel into all the world, Rev. Paul Walker, with Rev. F. W. Lemons as principal, established this school in Minot, North Dakota. The school was moved from there to Lemmon, South Dakota, where it is now located. In 1944, the Yellowstone Hotel was purchased for the school. We can now take care of seventy-five students.

We are happy to have Rev. F. W. Lemons as our principal this year, and Rev. C. C. McAfee, state overseer, as our superintendent.

This school offers a three-year course of study. Studies may be added or discontinued as the need requires. All students are required to read the entire Bible through before graduation.

Theory, sight singing, harmony, and chorus directing are available to all students at no extra charge. Instrumental and voice lessons will be extra. Shorthand, typing, and bookkeeping will also be taught, at a reasonable cost.

Applications for admission should be filled out and mailed to Fae V. Dyer, Lemmon, South Dakota. Reservations for rooms will be made in the order in which the applications are received.

You should make your plans now to attend this term of Bible School, and prepare for life's greatest work—that of winning souls.

# THE MINISTER His Work and the Bible

By REV. M. M. MORTENSON

(Article 12)

#### MISSIONS

The great commission of Christ, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature . . . baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: . . . and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world," is still the marching orders of His Church militant! In the fulfillment of this commission, it is imperative that we ever keep before us the words of our Lord Jesus, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest. Say not ye. There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

The well-known, and still soul-shaking, words of Moffatt to Living-stone, "There is a vast plain to the north where I have sometimes seen, in the morning sun, the smoke of a thousand villages where no missionary has ever been," are contemporary with the present-day need of a MIGHTY stimulus for WORLD EVANGELIZATION.

This is a new ERA of OPPORTU-NITY for MISSIONS! The most thrilling and glowing tributes ever, have come to us again and again, from Service men and women, who, in the course of their duties during this last war, contacted people of all lands where missionaries have so fruitfully Our own late President labored. Roosevelt expressed great appreciation for the accomplishments of missionaries, and in so doing stated that he had, only since the outbreak of this last war, actually become acquainted with the noble and powerful influences of missionaries.

Former President McKinley, at an ecumenical conference in New York City in 1900, gave a true tribute to missions in these words: "I am glad of the opportunity to offer, without stint, my tribute of praise and respect

to the missionary effort, which has wrought such wonderful triumphs for civilization. The story of China missions is one of thrilling interest and marvelous results. The services and sacrifices of missionaries for their fellow men, constitute one of the most glorious pages of the world's history. The missionary, of whatever church or ecclesiastical body, who devotes his life to the service of the Master and of men, carrying the torch of truth and enlightenment, deserves the gratitude, the support, and the homage of mankind. The noble, self-effacing, willing ministers of peace and goodwill, should be classed with the world heroes . . . They count their labour no sacrifice. 'Away with the world in such a view and with such a thought,' says David Livingstone, 'it is emphatically no sacrifice; say, rather, it is a privilege.' They furnish us examples of forbearance, of fortitude, of patience and unyielding purpose, and of spirit that triumphs, not by force of might but by the persuasive majesty of right . . . Who can estimate their value to the progress of nations? Their contribution to the onward and upward march of humanity is beyond all calculation . . ."

The compelling five "how's" of Romans ten, and, "the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me . . ." (spoken by our Lord to Cain who had slain his brother Abel), should be forever in our ears and hearts, as concerning the unredeemed of earth. Dr. Oswald J. Smith, pastor of Peoples Church in Toronto, Canada, whose church gave over ONE HUN-DRED THOUSAND DOLLARS for missions last year, said, "No one has a right to hear the gospel twice, when there are those who have not yet heard it once." If our vision as ministers is what it ought to be, our churches will be mission-minded, and it will be no task to receive far beyond certain set quotas.

Most ministers are never privileged to visit mission fields; therefore, it becomes necessary to get the inspiration from other sources to spur us on to effort in this cause. There is our



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privilege to hear missionaries who have returned from their fields of labor. Besides this, there are the books and magazines which will acquaint us with what has gone before, and what is now occurring in world missions.

One of the best books written in the last decade is "My Father in China," by Burke. This book can not be read intelligently without knowing China in its political history, economic and educational status, as well as religious trends, and another glorious triumph of missionary consecration for the spreading of the gospel of Christ.

Of course, one can study some textbook on missions but this is not wholly adequate, because there is such a large field to be dealt with, that one volume containing perhaps only a short paragraph on various important times and persons only touches the surface of what we will want; therefore, let us avail ourselves of the helps along this line. May I name a few volumes which bring joy to any minister. "Missions Tomorrow," Latourette; "Life of Adoniram Judson," Judson; "David Livingstone," Hornes; "Christ and Japan," Kagawa; "Grenfell of the Labrador," Wallace; "Hans Egede," the Norwegian missionary to Greenland. This book will thrill you through and

We will certainly want to be intimately acquainted with the lives of such great missionaries as Robert Morrison, John and Betty Stam, J. Hudson Taylor, William Carey, John

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# Treasure Hunting for Wisdom and Knowledge

A Discourse on the Gifts of Wisdom and Knowledge

By James Willis Archer

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2. THE GIFTS OF WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE AND THE PASTOR-EVANGELISTS.

Education is a splendid thing, and valuable to the pastor or evangelist so long as it is kept in its proper relationship to the ministry and ministrations of the Holy Spirit. It is a pity that there are not more highly educated and trained ministers who have accepted the holiness message and been baptized with the Holy Ghost. But the very fact that there are so few of the tens of thousands of ministers who have been willing to submit their education, talents, and reputation to the unfettered operation of the power of the Holy Spirit, is in itself a profound warning to our ministry. There is a strong trend amongst our younger ministry toward higher education. This is good if we retain the wisdom, knowledge, and POWER of the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. But let it be always before us that "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the KNOWLEDGE of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ," 2 Cor. 10:3-5.

It has been my personal observation that many of those who are moving heaven and earth toward higher education and culture, are doing so at the sacrifice of prayer and the power of God. It seems to be their desire to reach more of our cultured people. And this is good. But we must face the fact that we cannot compete with our socially trained and highly educated denominational ministers; and if we could, we likely wouldn't be worth the price of a rotten fish line to a real Holy Ghost church! Now, is all of this in accord with the teachings of the Word of Wisdom and the Word of Knowledge? I believe it is! Hear the words of Paul, the most highly educated and trained minister of his day: "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom

knew not God, it pleased God by the FOOLISHNESS of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach CHRIST CRUCIFIED, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, CHRIST the POWER of GOD, and the WISDOM of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men," 1 Cor. 1:21-25.

Most certainly our ministry needs all of the culture and refinement it can acquire; but true culture and refinement does not come primarily through higher education, but rather becomes a part of us as we become saturated with the personality and characteristics of Christ. "Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance"—these are fruits of the Spirit and characteristics of Christ. If we actually practice these characteristics in our daily ministry, we will not lack in refinement or culture.

"For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; . . . That no flesh should glory in His presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us WISDOM, and Righteousness, and Sanctification, and Redemption," 1 Cor. 1:26, 27, 29, 30.

The power of the ministry lies in a return to fasting, prayer, and Holy Ghost preaching, with fire and joy! Again hear the words of Paul: "And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God," 1 Cor. 2:4,5.

The pastor or evangelist is a tender and watchful keeper of the sheep, and tender of God's flower garden. He watches his people grow and fatten just as the shepherd cares for his

sheep and as the gardener enjoys the unfolding of the most beautiful flowers. When one has gone astray, he will labor to "restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." He diligently follows the scripture which saith, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fufill the law of Christ." The sad part is that so often we hear ministers boasting about the ones they turned out of the church, and of the real loyal ones left. But the Word of Wisdom teaches that the shepherd will search earnestly after the one lost sheep, and when he has found and restored it, he will rejoice more over the one restored than over his whole church full of just persons!

It is well to bear in mind that the doctor does everything in his power to restore an injured limb. The whole body will unite with him in combating the poison. Only as a last resort will he AMPUTATE. And then only to save the life of the entire body. And the pastor, in cooperation with the entire body, the church, will fight to the death to save and restore an injured member. Only if the disease of sin or disobedience persists to the extent it is threatening to destroy the entire body, will the pastor AMPU-TATE the offending member. This is the Word of Wisdom. An attitude of criticism, quarrelsomeness, and condemnation on the part of the church or pastor does not restore, and stinks of the ways of man. It is well to note that a body with an amputated member usually goes through life handicapped. "Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary."

The pastor or evangelist, or any other laborer in the Church, will cooperate with the officials and laws and ways which God hath set in His Church. But if he have the Word of Wisdom, and the Word of Knowledge, he will withstand fearlessly, even to the endangering of his own political future, any evidence of favoritism, politics, worldliness, jealousies, hatreds, and such like that he may see creeping into the church, whether it

be in the membership, or whether it be district pastor, state overseer or general official. He will do so knowing that such things have destroyed every movement of the past, and that his reward for godly courage comes not from man but from God. This is not good politics but is good godliness. And politics in the Church has nothing to do with the Word of Wisdom or of Knowledge in the first place.

According to the Word of Wisdom, the following is a true minister of Jesus Christ: "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: . . . Giving no offence in anything, that the MIN-ISTRY be not blamed; But in all things approving ourselves as the MINISTERS of GOD, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the WORD of truth, by the POWER of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right and on the left, By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers and yet true; As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet alway rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things," 2 Cor. 5:20; 6:3-10.

In dealing with the problems of his daily world, he will be "as wise as a serpent and harmless as a dove," and the latter as much as the former.

If he recognizes at all times that he is God's ambassador to God's people, all of whom were born to a greater heritage, in another land, but who are temporarily living in this, a strange land; and will be guided by the laws and teachings of that far-off country to which his people belong, yet tempered by the laws and customs here, he will not go far wrong on Wisdom and Knowledge. He is representing his King (Christ) and Christ's subjects (the Church) in a strange land (being made, by the born-again experience, citizens of heaven), and he will so conduct himself as an ambassador of Christ, and as a representative of Christ's people.

Like a good and wise farmer, filled with knowledge, he knows his soil, his seed, and his seasons, and he knows the enemies of his crop. He corrects the fault in his soil, he selects well his seed, and he judges the seasons, that his field may have warmth and water. And he applies in time the remedy to defeat the enemies of his harvest.

He is like the woman's organization making piece quilts—he takes the many-colored and frayed remnants of numerous lives, and forms them into a beautifully patterned whole (the church), strong, warm, and useful to mankind.

3. THE GIFT OF WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE AND THE CHURCH OFFICIAL.

Here indeed is a hard position to fill. He must first of all be deeply spiritual. For though he be the most expert of engineers, so that the great power system which he helps to head be constructed of the finest of materials, and the most perfect in organization and timing, and yet be not well connected with the power house, so that it can carry life and power to it's constituency, it has lost its excuse for existing in the name of Christ. But spirituality alone is not sufficient. He must be a man of proven leadership and courage, one who knows how to select and place men, and how to lead and inspire them, and not to falter when the going gets hard and the tests severe. With it all, he must know finances; the value of investments as well as the value of men. This does not of necessity mean a good bookkeeper. Many of our best leaders, who know men and their qualifications, who select well their assistants and place their men well, who know the value of property and understand money, are withal very poor bookkeepers. And some leaders, who have gained their place because they are good bookkeepers, are not at all qualified as leaders, being small-minded and small-spirited, envious, jealous, destructive to those who oppose them, and lacking the great spiritual fruits of Christ so essential to true Christian leadership. If a leader does not inspire confidence, he is not, in the truest sense, a leader. If the pastor cannot go to his state overseer, or the state overseer to his general officials, with the same assurance and confidence of compassionate understanding which he finds in Christ, then that state overseer, or general official has miserably failed in fulfilling the office to which his church and his Christ entrusted him. Gal. 3:2-5.

His greatest danger is not pride, but predjudice; not lack of organization and financial ability, but lack of spirituality. The folks over which nearly every organization has fallen and been swept to spiritual destruction, began as a little rivulet of personal ambitions, prejudices and jealousies, pressing itself into high places, and relentlessly sweeping aside the more spiritual elements.

After one of Christ's greatest victories, the feeding of the five thousand), He went alone into a mountain to pray. The greater our talents of leadership, the greater is the necessity of prayer.

And if there is a place in the entire body where the characteristics of the Word of Wisdom and the Word of Knowledge are needed, it is in our leadership. Some of these characteristics of Wisdom and Knowledge, as contrasted to worldly wisdom are:

(1) Good conversation, meeknesscontrasted with envying and strife. James 3:13-16, "Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him show out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above. but is earthly, sensual, devilish, For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work." A leader might as well take a wrench and smash the distributor as to permit envy and strife to influence his leadership. The results are the sameit stops the mechanism of a finely tuned instrument, the church.

(2) Worldly wisdom of partiality -contrasted with wisdom from above. "But the WISDOM that is from above is first PURE, then PEACEABLE, gentle, and EASY TO BE INTREATED (easily approached by any worker with a problem), ... WITHOUT PAR-TIALITY, and without hypocrisy," James 3:17. The great religious leaders of history have been men who embodied the above characteristics of wisdom from above. The other kind may croak for a time, as a big frog in his own little puddle, but he will not long impress his fellow man, and has never impressed God.

(3) Wisdom of God and wisdom of man as touching world conditions.

The world's greatest political leaders, wise in the ways of power politics, do not understand our world conditions with all of their access to actual secret scheming and maneuvering, as do our Holy Ghost ministers who know nothing of politics, but do know

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# He Is the Son of God

OLLIE V. OWEN

Text: John 3:16

"What think ye of Christ? whose Son is He?" Was Jesus of Nazareth the Son of God? Do you believe He is the Son of God?

Jesus once asked His disciples, "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am." And they said, "Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets." Matt. 16:13, 14. Those people were willing to believe that Jesus was some prophet raised from the dead, or Elijah returned from heaven, or just anyone except the Son of God, the Savior of men. They wanted to believe He was someone except the Son of God and, friends, we have people today denying the virgin birth of Christ.

Jesus Christ is one with God, and is called God. Praise God, we need have no anxiety over the Godship of Jesus Christ. God shares His throne with the Son. God has given to all morally responsible beings some authority and dominion. He gave dominion to Adam and He gives great responsibility to the angels, but none occupies the place of the Son. "Let all the angels of God worship him," Heb. 1:6. He existed with God before the creation of the world. The pre-existence of Christ is a doctrine which was most definitely taught by Jesus and mentioned by Him in His last prayer before Gethsemane. "I came down from heaven," John 6:38. From the days of eternity, the Lord Jesus Christ was one with the Father. He was the image of God. the image of His greatness and majesty, the outshining of His glory. It was to manifest this glory that He came to this world. He cooperated with God in creation, John said, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made," John 1:1-3. His Word Who created all things was Christ, as verses 10 and 14 clearly show.

This mighty Creator is our Savior and He has power to create a new life in us. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature," 2 Cor. 5:17. He was born in the flesh of a virgin. This is

known as the incarnation. A new being was not brought into existence, but a change was made in the order of His being. Praise God. "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." John 1:14. "Who, being in the form of God, . . . made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men." Phil. 2:6, 7. ". . . They shall call his name Emmanuel, . . . God with us." Matt. 1:23.

He lived a sinless life. Satan had pointed to Adam's sin as proof that God's law was unjust and could not be obeyed in our humanity. Christ was to redeem Adam's failure. "What the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit," Rom. 8:3, 4. So the Son of God overcame in the flesh, condemning the

theory that God's law cannot be kept and He is ready to come and dwell in us by His Spirit, and fulfill His law in us. Let us yield to the Spirit and receive power to obey God's law.

Christ was treated as we deserve, that we might be treated as He deserves. He suffered the death which was ours and rose a victor over death to save us by His life. Matt. 20:19. He ascended to heaven to become our Mediator. We need a representative there who understands our problems. Jesus does, for He passed this way before us and marked the way with His precious blood, "We have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities," Heb. 4:15a. Truly the lowly Nazarene is the Son of God, the Savior of men. John 3:16. He said, "I am the light of the world." "I am the good shepherd." "I am the living bread." "I am the way, the truth and the life." "All power is given unto me." "I am with you alway."

Friends, if you are hungry, you may come to Jesus Christ and be filled with the Bread of Life. If you are thirsty, He invites you to come and take of the water of life freely. Rev. 22:17.

### HARK! He Is Ready for His Bride. Where Are You?

MRS. MARY JO GRANT

(Read 1 Thess. 1:1-13.)

Dear Friends, what will you be doing or where will you be when the rapture takes place? Will you be ready to go, all prayed up? or will you be out on a tale-bearing mission, or something similar?

The Bible is being fulfilled daily, hourly, and I truly believe Jesus is soon coming. Some of you might say, "Well, I have heard that all my life." To you, dear friend, I say, "The Word has never been so fulfilled as in these days. You had better get ready, all prayed up, keyed up, and tuned up with heaven, if you expect to make the rapture. Jesus will come at a time when we think the least about it. We will be caught unaware. I am afraid you won't have time to wash the paint off your face, or clear out of a picture show, or go and ask your brother or sister to forgive you for some wrong you have done them. His coming will

be as a thief in the night. Do you sit up all night to guard your house? No, you sleep soundly. Will you be so when Jesus comes? Oh, I pray you will fall on your face before God and make all things right. Praise the dear name of Jesus! I want to be in that number, don't you?

What does it matter what your neighbors think? Will man's little petty ideas and theories amount to anything after this life? If you just cannot control that unruly member of your body, the tongue; you simply must talk, well, talk about Jesus! Hallelujah! If you have the blessed baptism of the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4, then when you tell others about Jesus you will shout the victory and there will be no time to tell Sister Susie about Sister Jane.

I have often been called fanatic and told that I pray too much. Well, I never was a gambler or one to take

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### How We Should Love the Church, Not in Word Only, but in Deed Also

MRS. LOUISE MURIUM

Ephesians 5:1,2, "Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour."

We should love the Church as a true husband loves his wife, or a true wife that is loyal to her husband. Whatever one loves, he surely will cherish and defend, and if he needs help in any way, one will render help if he has to suffer to do so. Though it means self-denial, losing our sleep at night or taking the food from our mouth, leaving off a meal once in awhile and giving the time to fasting and praying for the Church (for we are a part of the body), we should be glad to do so. Maybe one member is suffering and needs spiritual strength and by our willingness to deny ourselves of one temporal blessing it would mean a very much needed spiritual blessing to one of our brothers or sisters.

"And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it." 1 Cor. 12:26. If our eye begins to hurt, our hand does not cease to wipe the tears from it and is trying steadily to help relieve its suffering. Then when it is relieved, both members can rest. But if a member of the body suffers and is neglected, soon the body is affected and probably all the members are made to feel the effect.

If we say we love someone and fail to prove it by our actions and deeds, we are soon recognized as a false pretender and a careless lover. Once a man told a certain person that he dearly loved his wife and couldn't possibly live without her. Well, this person decided he wanted the wife to know how the husband had expressed his affection for her so one day he related it to her and she said, "What a false statement he made to you. Why he has driven me from the home five times with the butcher knife."

It is easy to say, "Lord, Lord," but that does not prove our love for Him. Matt. 7:21, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments," John 14:15. "I will not leave you comfortless," John 14:18a. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends," John 15:13. "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you," John 15:14. "These things I command you, that ye love one another," John 15:17. "And

whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him," Colossians 3:17.

#### REVIVAL

SWAINSBORO, Ga.—We have just closed a real revival at Blackville Church. Twenty-six were saved, sixteen sanctified, and seven filled with heaven's sweet Holy Ghost. Four united with the church. Sister Mae Terry was the evangelist. She is a woman of God and really preaches the Word under the anointing. She delivered some soul-stirring messages. The community was really stirred, for which we praise God.

Please pray for us and the work here.—J. B. Merritt. 339 Lucky St.

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# That Little Thing

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Text: John 8:7; 1 Kings 19:12.

Small things are the spice of life to the majority of the people who are not classed among the few that can be called millionaires. We look forward to our little trips to new places, picnics, etc. There are small things. also, that if left, grow into enormous things. A stone, if started at the top of a slope down hill, will, when it has reached the bottom, have increased to an alarming proportion of speed, crashing small trees and houses, or anything movable that gets in its way. The only thing that will stop it will be something solid like a huge rock.

Sin starts as something harmless, just a bit of recreation. Many of our preachers say we just must have fun even though it may be a bit on the risky side. Sin, if condoned and left to grow, will begin to grow at an alarming rate, driving out all good impulses, Christian training, and high ideals, leaving hopes crushed and a wretch bound for the eternal habitation of the doomed. Man tries by moral lectures and physical examples to better humanity, but failure is and has been from the start of time, the outcome of man's futile and pathetic attempt to change his inherent nature. It is like a sapling trying to stop the onward rush of the great stone as it gains momentum. The only way to stop sin is to flee to the Solid Rock, Christ Jesus, against whom sin has vainly battered, but ever failing to even change, in the slightest degree. the Son of God's power over the forces of Satan.

How small a thing a dime is, yet many lives were saved by the dimes donated to the mission cause. Some of our airmen were forced to take to their rubber rafts and land on an island that was formerly occupied by cannibals. They were apprehensive, as they neared this south sea isle. When they saw a crowd of natives run toward them, many thought it was the end, but the native in the lead had a battered Bible in his hand. Some missionaries, a few years previous, had, at the risk of their lives, brought the Word to these savages. These airmen said they were made

into believers by this concrete evidence of the reality of the regenerating power of Jesus.

Mark 8:7. There we have just a few loaves and fishes. We see, through the marvelous power of God, something momentous, beyond the comprehension of man, supernatural. He fed the multitude of people.

It was in Baltimore, at the Bethlehem Steel Company shipyards, at the launching of one of the great liberty ships. When the welder began to burn the steel plates from the sides of the ship that held the ship in place on the runway, all eyes were focused on the task. Finally, only one small plate held the ship. Then it was burned through and the giant ship slipped down the greased runway into the water.

Just one small sin may bar you from glory, something that may seem of no consequence to you.

Wars have started from just a few words carelessly spoken. Fires that have destroyed entire cities started from a cigarette carelessly thrown on some debris. At Hiroshima, Japan, a city that, at a large fleet of B-29's, would take to the bomb shelters and other places of refuge, but when one lone B-29 came over, they were not afraid, and when a small package be-

gan to float lazily to earth, perhaps they thought it a package of food or clothing for prisoners. When it was a short way from earth there was a tremendous roar, a blinding flash and four and one-half square miles of that city was entirely removed from this earth. One hundred and twenty-nine thousand human beings departed this life.

There is no excuse for anyone to be deceived as to the danger of small sins, for God, in His Word, gives the most minute description of the way from life here to life everlasting. When God gave Moses the directions for building the tabernacle, He gave every detail, no matter how minute. A soldier in our army must, when on inspection, be faultless. Guns must be clean. First offence means curtailment of leave. other offences will be more severe. "God is long-suffering to usward, kind, forgiving, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9. But there is an end to His mercy and we may find that our refusal to go according to God's plan may be the small bar that means the difference between life and death. The only difference between Noah and the people outside was that Noah was in and they were out. Noah had protection; they had none.

Get into the Ark of Safety today, Christ Jesus, then in that day and hour you can have protection. Don't delay. It is dangerous, for in such an hour as you think not the Son of man cometh. Amen.

# The Upward and Downward Road

MRS. CLEM TALLEY

The upward and the downward road—there is a route of each. The upward leads to heaven and the other one to destruction (hell). If you wish to travel the upward avenue which leads to heaven, you will meet with many difficulties on the way; but my advice is to take the narrow and upward one that but few travel. However, it is very easy to fall back to the broad and downward road that leads to destruction, as it is smooth and pleasant to travel, and you can be as unkind and selfish as you please. But I say again, take the right road and the up-

ward way. You find it rough, oh, so rough that few venture onto it. You must give up seeking to please yourself and try to please God; His will, not yours. You must not only be kind to those who are kind to you, but pray for those who persecute you. The narrow and upward way is hard. But there is pleasure in overcoming the difficult; there is peace in doing right; there is joy in God's smile; and His help is always ready for those who ask it.

Jesus said there is no use of your saying you belong to Him unless you (Continued on page 14)

# For Meditation

"Be not faithless (without faith), And we reply, "I can." but believing," St. John 20:27.

"Be thou faithful (full of faith) unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life," Rev. 2:10.

"If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established," Isaiah 7:9.

Faith creates martyrs, and martyrs create faith.

We know not what the future holds, but we do know Who holds the future.

They that won't give without being asked, won't give if you do ask them.

He gives nothing but worthless gold who gives from a sense of duty.

Too much hurry and fretting is like digging up seeds to see if they are growing. James 1:4a.

The water of life will quench the fires of hell that lie smoldering in the human (or unregenerated) tongue. St. John 4:14 and James 3:6.

Nearly all incredible changes in our lives in this world come suddenly upon us.

Thomas Jefferson once said, "We never repent of having eaten too little."

A young man, who had been saved only a short time, was giving out tracts when he met some of his old associates who began jeering and making fun of him for speaking to them of Jesus. One of them asked him if he could tell them where hell was. His reply was, "Yes, it's at the end of a Christless life."

Beautiful lips are those whose words leap from the heart like the songs of

"Kinds hearts are the gardens, Kind thoughts are the roots, Kind words are the blossoms, Kind deeds are the fruits." Of a Spirit-filled life.

So nigh is grandeur to our dust, So near is God to man, When Duty whispers low, "Thou must," (Eccl. 12:13b; Phil. 4:13.)

From the way some people act, you would think that godliness with contentment means to be at ease in Zion.

The "old man" is not going to heaven.

To know how to load a gun is not enough; we must also know how to shoot it. Eph. 4:15a.

We are often the greatest adversaries of the cause we try to promote by being tactless. Jesus said be ye wise as serpents, but harmless as doves. He also said the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light. James 1:5.

To be a follower of Jesus is to invite privations and severe sufferings. I Peter 4:12; Heb. 12:2a; 1 Peter 3:17; 4:13; 4:19; 2 Cor. 4:17, 18.

The collection plate is coming round; It ought to hold a heap. God doesn't look at what we give; He looks at what we keep.

A good thing to remember. And a better thing to do, Is to work with the construction gang, And not with the wrecking crew.

Imagination, sympathy, and selfpity are very destructive to faith.

If we have a determination to do, perseverance will see us through. ---

Fervent prayer generates activity.

Without charity we only have religion; with charity we have salva-

Words and deeds sown in love produce a like crop.

When the way gets brighter all the time, let us make sure it is not the flames of hell lighting the way.

Wherever God's law is supreme, life and property are safe.

David once said of Goliath's sword, "There is none like it, give it to me."

Eph. 6:17; Heb. 4:12. The Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, is sharper than any twoedged sword. Give it to me.

Don't raise money for God's cause;

There are ninety and nine that safely (?) lie,

In the shelter of the fold,

While millions are left outside to

Because the ninety and nine are cold, dead cold.

It's only through you that somebody will get a conception of what the preachers talk about.

A young girl was asked, "Whose preaching brought you to Christ?" She replied, "It wasn't anybody's preaching; it was my aunt's practicing."

Only when the song of God's love is ringing in our hearts are we ready for the day.

Great structures do not just happen; they are built, and so it is with our lives. If we are to live beautiful, useful lives, we have to use the right materials.

It is a dangerous risk to measure ourselves by each other. 2 Cor. 10:12.

Sprinkling a garden is like someone else getting a blessing and some of it spilling over on you; it doesn't last long nor cause you to bear any fruit, but, like a good soaking rain, when your own cup runs over it lasts awhile and helps you to bear fruit as well-fruit that is a blessing to you and others.

A crucifix will do no one any good. What we need is a crucifixion. Gal. 5:24; St. Matt. 26:29; 1 Peter 2:21b.

"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding," Prov.

"If thou couldest see thyself the man God meant,

Thou would'st never be the man thou art, content." -Emerson.

"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain (the word "vain" means empty, worthless, fruitless, etc.); for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in

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### \* \* REVIVALS \* \*

MATOAKA, W. Va.-We, the Church of God ata Weyanoke, Va., wish to sound a note of praise to the dear Lord for a very successful three weeks' revival closed Sunday night, September 1, conducted by Rev. J. C. Hodges, of Schoolfield, Va. Each message was brought under the mighty anointing of the Holy Ghost, and the altar was filled with hungry seekers each night. Thirty-six testified as being saved, twenty sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost, ten baptized in water, and fourteen added to the church. Truly, we were made to sit in heavenly places as our souls were blessed night after night by the outpouring of the Holy Ghost. We feel that the end is not yet, for the revival spirit is still on the church, and we all have a mind to work for God and His great Church more than ever before.

Brother Hodges is a very young preacher, just seventeen years of age, and has been preaching since he was twelve. He was converted at the age of eight, and truly, we believe he is a man of God. His heart is in the work of the Lord, and the upbuilding of His cause. We highly recommend him to any church in need of a revival.

Pray for the church at Weyanoke, that it will rise and shine for the glory of God.—C. J. Norris, clerk, Box 291.

DECATUR, Ga.-We praise God for the blessed three weeks' revival just closed at Union Hill Holiness Tabernacle. Words could never tell the lasting good done. We had a regular camp meeting, with day services throughout the revival. The saints were made to sit in heavenly places, especially in the day services. One day, two sisters received the Holy Ghost, one near seventy-five years old and one had just had a heart attack, but she prayed nearly two hours. Afterward, she said, "Praise God, I forgot about my heart." The other sister, near seventy-five, had been unable to be up-suffering with arthritis-but is getting more supple every day. It was

no less than a miracle to us for those two to pray through, knowing their condition. Pray on, aged people; it will make your younger. You, too, can have the blessing. God will renew your strength.

The second week, we had the Lord's supper, and feet washing. God gloriously blessed. The power of God fell so it was noised abroad, and that was the only advertisement we needed. The house was packed, and as many on the outside.

Our evangelist, Brother Clarence Cates, was at his very best. His preaching was powerful and soulstirring. Sometimes he didn't have to preach. People would fall in the altar seeking God. We appreciate Brother Cates so much, because he steps back when the Holy Ghost takes over. We believe the success of the revival was due to Brother Cates' good leadership, and letting God have His way in every service.

Brother Cates has just entered B.T.S. at Sevierville, Tenn. Pray for him, that God will bless him as he studies to show himself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.

Five were saved, six received the Holy Ghost, and nine were baptized in water. Others were blessed. One sister was supposed to have an operation when the revival started. She was very sick. God healed her, and she never missed a service.

The revival spirit is still here. We are having seeking services every night this week, and from now on we are having one day-service a week. Pray for us.—Mary Brooks, Rt. 2.

FRANKLIN, N. C.—Greetings to the saints of the Church of God everywhere. We are happy to report having had the privilege of attending a real old-fashioned Holy Ghost revival at the Rose Creek Church of God near here. Brother and Sister Fred Carlson of Alvin, Illinois, did the preaching and the presence of the sweet Holy Ghost was manifest in every service.

This church has only been set in

order for about two months and, under the leadership of the pastor, James Sanders, is really going ahead for God.

We are thankful to God for these good people from Illinois who came here in response to an appeal for help in the Evangel last May.—W. C. Ayers.

ROME, Ga.—We are thanking and praising God for the revival that closed recently at the Fairview Church of God.

We truly had a wonderful time in the Lord. Many were blessed and the church was greatly revived. All who did not attend the revival missed a blessing. We had some wonderful preaching and singing, for which we praise the Lord.

The revival was conducted by Sister Ressie Smith of Ellijay, Ga. She stayed two weeks and Brother Don Tatum of Cedar Valley, Ga., carried on another week. Both of these are wonderful preachers and singers.

Pray for us at Fairview.—Rev. Leonard Brown, pastor, Rt. 3, c|o H. C. Bell.

SERGENT, Ky.—The Church of God at Thornton, Ky., has recently closed a very successful revival. We began the meeting with Brother Elliott Justice of Pikeville, Ky., doing the preaching. He preached one week, and not being very well, he could not hold up to drive back and forth and preach. so Brother Day, our beloved pastor, preached the next week, and we all held on to God for a revival. After two weeks of praying and preaching, Brother and Sister Evoy, of Corbin, Ky., joined us in the fight against sin. Brother and Sister Evoy sang and preached and the power of God came down in a wonderful way. God began to bless. Sinners were convicted and began coming to the altar. Eleven were saved, six sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, five baptized in water, nine added to the church, and the church greatly encouraged to go forward. We are a small church, but God is blessing. Brother Bee Day has been our pastor for the past two years, and we thank God for sending him and Sister Day back for another year. They are fine people to work with, and are doing their best for the Lord. We sincerely ask the prayers of God's children everywhere for the little church at Thornton, that we can be a blessing to lost souls.-Willie Back, clerk.

# Reports FIELD

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#### Oklahoma Church of God Camp Meeting

We have witnessed and enjoyed what everyone believes to have been the greatest of all camp meetings for the Church of God of Oklahoma. This camp meeting and convention was certainly Spirit-filled from the opening service to the closing.

The first three days were given to the young people for their programs, messages, etc., these services being directed by our state youth director, Rev. T. C. Vance. The young people came from all parts of the state and brought with them the great Spirit of God, who anointed their songs, sermons, and testimonies. The young people contributed much to the success of the entire camp meeting and convention. They supplied most of the music and special singing and a great number of the inspired messages.

In answer to our state-wide prayers for a great meeting, God sent Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Ingram to be with us during the convention. Brother Ingram told about his work in foreign fields and also sang to us in several different languages. This brought tears to the eyes of the crowd.

On Saturday night, Brother Ingram presented a series of pictures of his missionary work. This was very educational, and I am sure we are all more mission-minded than before. Brother Ingram, under the unction of the Holy Ghost, climaxed our camp neeting and convention with a great message on "Missions."

We all know that a very great factor in making the meeting a success was the able leadership of those in charge of various departments of the Church. Our L.W.W.B. president, Sister L. L. Hughes, rendered some outstanding reports of her work. Reports of the Y.P.E. and Sunday School were exceptionally good.

Through it all we appreciated the able leadership of our beloved state overseer, Rev. L. L. Hughes. We know him to be a man of great wisdom, high spirituality, and rooted and grounded in the Word.

This wonderful camp meeting was

conducted on our newly purchased campground of thirty acres joining hard to the city limits of the fine city of Shawnee, Oklahoma, geographically the center of the state. The people were so enthusiastic because of our new location that they gave and pledged \$1,400 for the erection of a new tabernacle.-Reporter, George Vance.

#### Looking Into the Future With Hopes

Dear Evangel readers: Greetings in Jesus' name.

I just praise the Lord for what I feel in my soul just now. The Lord has been so good to me that I can never praise Him enough.

We thank the Lord for sending Brother Lewis here for our pastor this year. As we go into this new Assembly year, we are looking to God for great things. Brother C. E. Corley was our pastor last year and we appreciate the good things he did for us here. He painted the church inside and out and installed an attic fan in the church.

Jesus said if He be lifted up He would draw all men unto Him, and that is what we want to do here in Cocoa, so God can bless us. We know that all things are possible with God and so we are looking into the future with great hopes, expecting the Lord to bring things out, and maybe in the near future God will give us a new church with a nice congregation and many souls saved. Please join us in prayer that God will give us a great harvest of souls this Assembly year.

I would like to ask all who believe that God can heal, to please pray for my healing. It seems that I lack faith

in some way, as I do not get healed. I once trusted the Lord for healing. then I grew weak in faith and resorted to medicine. But for the past three years I have been trusting the Lord to heal me. If it is not his will to heal me, I want to bear my suffering with patience.

We are looking for the Lord's soon return, and we want to be ready to go with Him when He comes. We see the signs of His coming before us every day, then we look around and see so many unsaved it makes us tremble with fear.

Please pray that we will stay humble before the Lord and do all we can to get people to see the need of being saved. If we are true to Jesus, we will be able to win souls for Him. Please pray for us here at Cocoa .- A. O. Mc-Bride, P. O. Box 265, Cocoa, Fla.

#### FOR MEDITATION

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vain." He that takes the name of the Lord in vain not only mocks God but is a stumbling block to sinners and babes in Christ. As we see here from the Scripture itself, God was speaking to His chosen people (Exodus 20:7), and had no reference whatever to sinners swearing, as some would have us to believe. God will not hold the sinner guiltless that profanes His holy name, but the devil has people to misinterpret that scripture on purpose in order to "pull the wool" over the eves of people who don't study the Word of God.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that meedeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," 2 Tim. 2:15.

If we do not study, we might not only wrest the Scriptures to our own destruction, but the destruction of others as well. 2 Peter 3:16.

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## TESTIMONIES

It Is Joy, Peace and Love

LEXINGTON, Tenn. - God kept moving on me to write and give my testimony in the Evangel and I kept putting it off until last night I dreamed I wrote my experience for the Evangel readers in red ink. It seemed very strange as I do not use red ink. I could see myself writing word upon word in red, and the one word that stood out above the rest was "Holy Ghost." Oh, thanks be to God for the sweet Holy Ghost, I was converted at the age of fifteen, if I am not mistaken. I went back into the world, but still thought I was all right. I realize now that I did things a child of God would not do, but I got back into fellowship with God through prayer and shouted the victory. Still there was a longing in my soul for a deeper experience. I knew not what or where to find what my soul craved. I belonged to the Baptist Church for about twenty years, but that didn't

About the year 1939 I suffered a nervous breakdown. Only God knows what I suffered. I asked God to heal me time and time again, but no answer came. We spent most everything we had on doctors and medicine that would not heal; it only relieved me for a short while. Then in August of 1944, God began to answer. He first sent my Holy-Ghost-filled brother, Rev. C. O. Lyons, here to preach in a revival. I thought he acted strange indeed the way he would talk about God and praise His wonderful name. I thought, "Why don't I praise Him and love Him like he does?" But oh, thank God, He knew the answer and I was soon to find out.

On Saturday, while at home reading and searching His Word, the power of God began to come in waves. I began to shake like Belshazzar when God's hand began to write. I never knew that God sent so much power to His people. My poor blinded eyes were opened. I found out that the half had not been told, that I didn't have the blessed Holy Ghost and that He was for me. Praise His name! The devil said, "You know this way is spoken evil of. They will turn you out of the church." But oh glory to God

in the highest, I said, "Get behind me, Satan, for I mean to have all God has for me. I don't mean to be satisfied with anything less than the best." Good-meaning neighbors ran in to tell me that I knew and they knew I was saved. Sure, I knew it. The Holy Ghost is for the saved. They told me I had all there was to be had, but I had to tell them they had come too late. They said, "If you get anything else, we will believe." (But they don't.) On my first night at the altar, God came down in wave after wave of glory. I forgot the time and place as He bathed my soul in heavenly rest. About ten days from my awakening, God wonderfully baptized me in the Holy Ghost while praying in my bedroom alone on August 7, 1944. He came in and testified for Himself. If the world only knew what they are missing in joy, peace and love, they would surely seek until they received the Holy Ghost with joy unspeakable and full of glory. Another thing, I have not been to a doctor since God sent the healing with promise. The devil tried to make me believe that I wasn't healed, but, glory to God, I was. Bless His name from whom all blessings flow. He is the Lily of the Valley and the Bright and Morning Star, the One that's altogether lovely. Everyone who reads this pray for me and if you don't know the joy of the Holy Ghost, don't ever stop until He baptizes you for He is no respecter of persons .-Mrs. Ed Jones.

#### Was Blind and Crippled But **Now Healed**

McGREGOR, Texas.-Recently, a woman was healed here who had been blind for twelve years. Also, she was crippled so badly that she had to be carried into the house, but when we prayed for her she was healed. She saw all her great grandchildren that have been born in the past twelve years. Then she wanted to see the ones she had seen before. She marveled at how twelve years had changed the looks of everyone. She was really happy when she found that she could see and walk again.

We pray for the sick and all requests, believing that whatsoever we ask in His name believing, we will re-

If you need prayer, write us, and we will gladly pray for you.-Mrs. G. W. Alford, Box 268.

Really Wonderful HERMOSA BEACH, Calif.-Praise the Lord for His goodness to me. I have received the Holy Ghost. He is really wonderful. I just wish I could tell people that don't have Him what He will do for them. I went through a severe trial about two weeks before I received the Holy Ghost, but praise God He took me through.

I am so glad for this salvation. Praise the Lord! It is true there are many trials and temptations, but that helps to make it real. God will take us through, no matter how we are tried

Pray that I will be true and faithful until He comes or calls for me .-Mrs. Mary Ragland, 1027 Manhattan

**Healed of Sprained Back** 

JENSEN, Fla.-I thank God for healing me of a hurt back. When I wrote for prayer and an anointed cloth, I was healed of that sprained back before the anointed cloth reached me. I could feel the difference the same day my case was taken to God, and I advise all saints everywhere to trust the Lord for the healing of their bodies. God can heal and will heal if you wholly trust Him. I've been trusting Him now for twentythree years. I've never taken any medicine or rubbed on any. family and I trust the Lord and we know what He can do, and what He does for me He will do for you. All you have to do is to be true to Him, live what you testify, pay your tithes and offerings and all that His Word say for you to do and you can expect your healing. Thank God for healing .-Bishop Solomon Mackey.

It Really Pays To Trust God RIDGELY, Tenn.—I just want to sound a note of praise through the Evangel for what the dear Lord has done for me. He saved this soul of mine, sanctified me wholly, and filled me with the precious Holy Ghost. Praise His name. Through prayer and faith, He has healed me of neuritis of more than twenty-five years of suffering and pain, Bless His dear name. He also healed me of nervousness. It really pays to trust God. All who read this please pray for my children, that they may be brought into the fold before it is too late .- Mrs. I. F. Allen, Ridgely, Tenn.

#### Thy Gentleness Hath Made Me Great

Psalms 18:35

I want to praise God for His gentleness to me and what God has done for me. Many times the way seems dark and we are tried. When we feel as though there isn't a friend in the world that we could go to for help, then I think of David when King Saul was chasing him from mountain to mountain and from one cave to another. David said to God, "It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect," Psalm 18:32. raise God for His mercy and gentleness, that after we have been tried as by fire we can come forth as gold. It wasn't that David was made king and killed the giant and slew the bear and the lion that made him great, but it was the gentleness of God.

Praise His holy name. I had rather be saved and sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost than to be a ruler of a nation, for we could be a king and be lost and perhaps lead millions to hell. But thanks be to God, if we have been made great through the grace of God, we are sure to make it to the Holy City and bring our sheaves

with us.

I praise God for the little Church of God at Mt. Holly, North Carolina, and its faithful pastor, Rev. R. W. Doolittle, who has meant so much to me and to the church. I have been a member of the Church of God almost two years and I have surely enjoyed the good fellowship of the saints and ministers of God. I am praying and oking forward to the day when I an give up my job and go out in the work of God. I ask an interest in your prayers that God will make me a blessing everywhere I go. The harvest is great and I feel that the time is drawing nigh for the coming of the Lord and the world is indulging in sin as it has not since the days when God destroyed Sodom, North Carolina spent sixty-six million dollars for whisky, beer, and wine; twenty-five million for education, and only twenty million for religion. That's twenty million more for strong drink than for religion and education combined. There are now eleven saloons for every church. We are spending fiftyfour dollars per person for liquor and

fifteen dollars for each person in school. There are four hundred thirtyseven thousand places in America where liquor is sold. Our annual drink bill is seven billion dollars and our crime bill is fifteen billion dollars,

Brother and sister, it is time we Church of God folks were arising and taking a stand against sin and the devil. May the Lord bless you everyone in Jesus' name.-W. S. Williamson, Box 97, Maiden, North Carolina.

#### NATIONAL Y.P.E. CONTEST PROGRAM

The National Youth Program Committee announces a Nation-wide Y.P.E. Program Contest. The purpose of the contest is to get together a selection of good programs for the Y.P.E., and publish them together so that Y.P.E.'s throughout the Church may have a source of obtaining program material.

A prize of \$25 will be awarded to the individual who sends in the best program, and a second prize of \$15 will be awarded the person who sends

in the second best program.

#### RULES OF THE CONTEST ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- Program should be simple, and adaptable to use in young people's services.
- 2. Program must be outlined in detail, and sufficient in length to include the devotional part of the service.
- Any minister or member is eligible to enter any number of programs in the contest.
- Closing date of the contest will be noon of the last day of December. Subject matter of the programs is not limited to any given field but may touch on a number of subjects, such as missions, orphanage, special days (Christmas, New Year's, Easter, Thanksgiving, etc.), or any of a great number of such subjects.

All programs sent in will become property of the Church of God Youth Program Committee, and decision of the judges will be final. Every person sending in a program will receive, free, a book containing a selection of the best programs. Programs will be judged on the basis of interest, originality, and usefulness to the cause of YOUTH.

Send your material, with your complete name and address, to Ralph E. Williams, Corresponding Secretary, National Youth Committee, P. O. Box

11, Cleveland, Tenn.

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#### HERE ARE THE RULES:

- 1. The author's name must not appear on the manuscript, but must be placed in an envelope, securely fastened to the manuscript.
- 2. The manuscript must be typewritten and double spaced, on one side of the paper only.
- 3. Stories must not have been published before.
- The contents must be of a religious nature with a vital spiritual application, and should not be longer than 3,000 words.
  - Stories must present a true vital picture of Christianity.
- Youth Program Committee reserves the right to hold for publication any story submitted.
- 7. All entries must be postmarked not later than December 31 of this year. Winners will be announced through the church papers.
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#### TREASURE HUNTING FOR WIS-DOM AND KNOWLEDGE

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the Word of Knowledge and Wisdom. Dan. 12:9, 10, "And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end . . . the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand: but the wise shall understand (meaning the Christians)." See 1 Thess. 5:1-8. NOTE Verse 4, "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief." James 3:13, "Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him show out of good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom."

III. THE POWER TO APPLY WISDOM AND KNOWLEDGE.

There is a new application of world wisdom, known as "POWER POLI-TICS." That simply means that the stronger power makes his decisions based on the interests of his NATION first, and of world needs second, and backs up his decisions with a threat of the use of force if necessary. This condition has always existed in the wisdom of this natural world. The strong dominates the weak, among the weak, among nations, individuals, and in the animal world. Always the strong backs up his demands with force. He is too wise to "stick his neck out" unless he has POWER to back it up, be it nation, individual, or animal. This is "power politics" and is wisdom of this world.

So must the wisdom and knowledge of God be backed by the POWER of God, for though we know that hatred and envy and strife, backbiting, and destructive criticisms belong to the world, and that love, peace, joy, mercy, kindness, forgiveness, etc. belong to the wisdom which is from above, we cannot leave the one and take on the other without the saving, sanctifying, baptizing Spirit of Christ. We defeat the great army of Satan, which is arrayed against us, by the use of force; and that force stems from Christ who said: "All power is given unto me"; "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you"; "He gave them power against unclean spirits"; "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds." 2 Chr. 20:12. " . . . for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; . . . but our eyes are upon thee." Verse 15, "Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not your's, but God's."

Victorious wisdom and knowledge are therefore applied through the power of God as we yield our wills to the Spirit of God. Gal. 5:16, "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh."

"A small man never thinks he is small, and a big man never thinks he is big."—Chinese proverb.

### THE UPWARD AND DOWNWARD ROAD

(Continued from page 8) do what He commands, and if you'll hear and heed His teaching you will be like the man who built his house upon the rock. But do not be like the man who built his house upon the sand. Build upon the foundation from God and you'll have a house the wind will not destroy. It doesn't matter how strong your house is; if the foundation on which you build is weak, your building will fall. But if you do not obey God and get your foundation from Him, you'll be like the man who built his house upon the sand. When you are tempted to do wrong and to travel the broad and downward road, your reason for right will be written upon the Rock (Christ), on the narrow and upward road. Do not let Satan deceive you. You must think of the temptation with which he tempted Jesus when he told him to go upon the mountain and obey him. But Jesus did not obey. He turned, saying, "No. I'll serve God."

Oh, friends, Satan comes to us in all the temptations to which he thinks we will listen. He tells me not to write these flat expressions but God tells me to, as it may be a guidance to some new convert or sinner.

It is not what I have read, but that I am a part of God's plan,

And my treasure I'll give as well as I can.

Satan comes again to tempt us to

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do wrong. God lets us stand at the crossing of these two roads, to see which our choice will be, but He is at the gate to help us if we will let Him in, so the greatest prayer you can give to Him is your daily one.

Tomorrow draws nigh. Another blue day filled with fresh obligations fits you for their discharge, and new temptations that will make you strong, yet you'll think the battle is Satan's; but God will make it Satan's loss and your heavenly gain, if you'll trust and obey. May the angels guard your pathway while on earth you stay, and heaven be your resting place when you are called away.

### HARK! HE IS READY FOR HIS BRIDE. WHERE ARE YOU?

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chances. I always bet on the sure things and if you spend your time in prayer, you are a winner; you can't go wrong on prayer. Nor will you have time for idle chatter of this world. I hope I am on my knees in prayer when Jesus comes, or telling someone about Him.

If you get nothing else out of these words, I do hope it will awaken you to the realization that Jesus is coming soon. Will you be ready? I hope and pray that you will be.

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#### THE MINISTER—HIS WORK AND THE BIBLE

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E. Clough, and many, many others. To think of the benefits through missions to poor, ignorant, unloved, superstitious, downtrodden humanity, is to be overwhelmed with unspeakable joy and gratitude to God. With Isaac Watts we sing:

"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does his successive journeys run: His kingdom spread from shore to shore,

Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

From north to south the princes meet To pay their homage at His feet; While western empires own their Lord.

And savage tribes attend His word."

Alexander Duff spent most of his long career in India. Paul W. Rood said of him, "At the end of his life he came to Edinburgh and spoke at a great convention. For two and a half hours he held the audience spellbound as he told about the trials and hardships and about the conquests in the mission field. At the end of that period he fainted, and they carried him off the platform. When his consciousness was restored, he cried out, 'Take me back; I must finish my message.' His attendants protested, and said, 'You will die if you go back.' 'I'll die if I don't,' was his answer. Again he stood before that magnificent audience and poured out his heart. 'Have you no more sons to send to India? Queen Victoria asks for soldiers and you gladly offer your sons. Christ asks for missionaries, and you say, 'No, we have no sons to send.' If there is no one who will volunteer, I'll go back to India, and let them know that there is one Scotchman that is willing to die for those who sit in heathen darkness."

A. B. Simpson's hymn is here appropriate:

"To the regions beyond I must go, I must go,

Where the story has never been told: To the millions that never have heard of His love.

I must tell the sweet story of old. There are other 'lost sheep' that the Master must bring,

And they must the message be told: He sends me to gather them out of all lands.

And welcome them back to His fold." In our own Church, we have a re-

cent glorious example of what God can and will do through them whom He calls to go to regions beyond. I refer to the Kluzits in Haiti, who have in eight years seen the phenomenal, yea, miraculous, mission field revival in which over SIXTY-EIGHT THOU-SAND natives have come to know Christ as Lord and Savior! Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift.

I'm sure we need to be fired with zeal and vision for the spreading of this glorious gospel, if we are to assist in recruiting laborers for mission fields.

There comes to mind the story of a young lady who had just completed her college work and returned home, being ready to set out upon her life's career. When she and her mother had eaten their evening meal, she said, "Mother, you go out and sit on the porch and I'll do the dishes." It was a beautiful spring day. The trees were so beautiful in their green foliage and the birds sang with such glee. The sun was setting in all its western splendor and the mother's heart was overflowing with joy because her daughter had completed her schoolwork successfully and was now ready for coming years. Soon the daughter joined her mother and as they sat together, presently she said, "Mother, I am not going to follow the vocation for which I had planned and prepared. I have made my decision. The call of Christ has come to me and I have decided to carry the gospel to a faraway land." The good Christian mother was moved to tears. Clapping her hands and weeping, she burst forth singing the Doxology:

"Praise God, from Whom all blessings

Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

### REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

(Continued from page 2)

Lord to heal my body.-Mrs. Alex Clemons, Orgas, W. Va.

God to heal me of goiter.-Mrs. Louis Morgan, Cobbtown, Ga.

My husband's eyes; for my daughter; for me.-Daisy Mack, Cobbtown,

A very special request.-Mrs. J. M. Tolley, Rt. 1, Box 522, Erwin, Tenn.

My baby to be healed .- J. M. Thomas, 210 Hatfield St., Corbin, Ky.

The healing of a man who has been

given up to die by the doctors; also the healing of Mrs. Mary Webb and Julia Banks.-A sister in Christ.

My companion and me.-J. M. Vice, Thomasville, Ala.

The healing of Mrs. Dora Parris, Alarka, N. C. She hasn't walked in six or seven years, can hardly feed herself, and can lie down only a few minutes at a time. Encouragement appreciated.-Mrs. Oma Woodward, Alarka, N. C.

#### **REVIVALS**

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga.-We have just closed a good revival at Lawrenceville, Ga. This was the first revival I have conducted since I have been out of the Service, and God wonderfully blessed. Several were saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost, and the church was shouting the victory when the revival closed. I am open for revivals now and anyone desiring an evangelistic trio and minister, write me at the following address: N. Glynfon Ridgeway, 628 Davis St., Monroe, Ga.

TOLL GATE, W. Va.-We closed a three weeks' revival at West Union, W. Va., September 7. It was conducted by Rev. Worthey George, evangelist from Salem, W. Va., and pastor, Rev. Johnnie Cross, of West Union, W. Va. The power of the Holy Ghost took charge of each service and blessed in a mighty way. There were five saved, five sanctified, and two filled with the Holy Ghost. One was added to the church. God did some wonderful heal-

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